

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Common Council, City of Monticello, Indiana was held on Monday, August 18, 2008 at 6:00 pm. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, Bill Smith, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the meeting of August 4, 2008, and two special meetings, Wednesday, August 6, 2008 and Monday, August 11, 2008, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, and seconded by Council Member Jim Mann, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Today is Water Superintendent Rod Pool's 50th birthday. Happy Birthday Rod! Due to the Umbaugh presentation, there were no department head reports.

Accounts Payable

Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to approve the accounts payable as presented, seconded by Council member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

First Reading Ordinance 2008-12; Elected Officials Salary Ordinance

City Attorney George Loy stated that this is budget time and time when the present salary ordinance both for elected officials and salary appointed officials are to be set for the next calendar year. This ordinance will be the first reading and for calendar year 2009. Ordinance 2008-12 is an ordinance establishing salaries of elected officials for the City of Monticello for the calendar year 2009. This ordinance addresses the salaries of the Mayor, Clerk Treasurer, and the Common Council. The law requires that salaries of elected officials cannot be passed until a 30 day notice is published, and the salaries of both the elected officials and appointed officials have to be established by September 30, 2008. A special meeting is being set for September 22, 2008 at 4:00 pm for the second reading of this ordinance. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to pass Ordinance 2008-12 to second reading, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried.

First Reading Salary Ordinance 2008-13 for Appointed Officers and Employees

City Attorney George Loy has prepared a first draft for the 2009 salary ordinance for appointed officers and employees in the City of Monticello. Mayor Thompson addressed the Council and said that the salary increase for appointed officers and employees is 3% with an improvement in longevity. The longevity is not an upfront cost, but rewarding

employees for staying with the City. An employee still has to be employed for three years before receiving longevity. This also is just a one year salary ordinance. Council member Grace Oilar made the motion to pass Ordinance 2008-13 to second reading, seconded by Council member Bill Smith. All ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance 2008-14 and 2008-15; Consideration of Adoption of Amended White County Zoning and Subdivision Control Ordinance

City Attorney George Loy stated that White County recently adopted a revamping of the zoning and subdivision control ordinance. It is now going to the City and all towns in the County to be approved. It has been very well thought out with lots of changes for the City and County, all good. It will be adopted by the City and therefore be enforceable within the City. Council member Jim Mann stated that it has been a long time in the making, with lots of meetings and time. He believes this document is much better and praises the Area Plan Commission for all their hard work. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to suspend the rules to pass Ordinance 2008-14 on the first reading, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to approve Ordinance 2008-14, the Zoning Ordinance of White County, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to suspend the rules to pass Ordinance 2008-15 on the first reading, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried. Council member Jim Mann made the motion to approve Ordinance 2008-15, the Subdivision Ordinance of White County, seconded by Council member Grace Oilar. All ayes, motion carried. Mayor Thompson thanked Street Superintendent Doug Roberts and Board of Works member Phil Vogel for their work with Area Plan, and he gave a big thank you to Council member Jim Mann for all his hard work as the Area Plan delegate.

HJ Umbaugh Budget Analysis Presentation

Dan Hedden, a Principal with HJ Umbaugh, along with staff accountant Bryan Hurst, made a budget analysis presentation to the Council. He stated that his job was to bring together all the work the Council has done and frame it in terms of managing our resources of the City, and how to budget decisions they have made in the past to 2008, and respectively for 2009, and how that flows with regards to the resources that we have available. Tonight Umbaugh chose to discuss those funds that affect the operations of the City that are related to the economic and capital development of the City, and are related to our debt and our pensions. Dan expressed to the Council that he could not state enough on the general finances of the City, and how good the City stands at this time. He also included in his presentation any effects that House Bill 1001 will have on the City in 2009 and 2010. Going forward, Umbaugh expects the general fund to still have a strong operating balance in 2009 and 2010, based on the spending decisions of the City. In conclusion, Dan stated that the cash balances that the City has now really does create flexibility for the City, and puts us in a good position so we can make the decisions we need to make going into 2009 and 2010. Because of this, the City is able to absorb the delays in property taxes, which clearly we have no control. Our operating balances are very strong in all major funds, which indicates not only are we going to be able to provide services in 2009, we will also be in good shape in 2010 and thereafter. In Umbaugh's opinion, the 2009 budget meets the needs of the city. The City's 2009

Budget will need to go to the County Council by August 31, 2008. There will be a public hearing for the 2009 budget on September 2, 2008, adoption on September 15, 2008, and submit final budget documents to the Auditor by September 17, 2008. Council member Grace Oilar thanked Dan for the wealth of information he provided the Council tonight. The rest of the Council expressed their gratitude, also.

Chief Swaim addressed the Council and expressed his concern on fixing the existing ladder truck, and purchasing a used truck. There was much discussion on a new ladder truck, between Chief Swaim and the Council, possibly even applying for a grant. Citizens Neil Smith, Bob Lane, Ken Miller, and Ross Rittberg, Ball Corporation, addressed the Council in favor of purchasing a new ladder truck for the City. Harmon Insurance agent, Andy Harmon, stated that the City's fire insurance class started at an eight and is now down to a 5. In order to keep that rating we need to keep our equipment up to date, which will save on insurance for all property owners. Robert Hickman, Union Township board, stated that as part of the fire protection contract with Union Township and the City, if the City buys the new ladder truck, which will provide service to Union Township, then the Township will purchase a new Pumper truck, which will provide service to the City, at no cost to the City. Mayor Thompson thanked everyone for their input on this matter.

The Mayor, Clerk Treasurer, City Attorney, Council, and Dan and Bryan, from Umbaugh, recessed for dinner. After dinner, the Mayor asked if there was anything anyone wanted to discuss. There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer